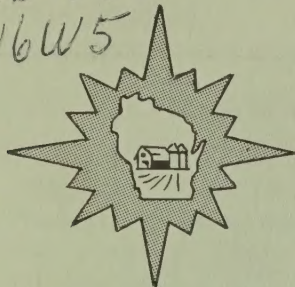


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## Cream of the News

Milk production in Wisconsin during August was up 3 percent from a year ago and the first time in 19 months that production was higher than the previous year.

Prices received for Wisconsin farm products as of mid-August were down 2 percent from a month earlier and well below the record highs of August 1973.

Red meat production in Wisconsin during July was 12 percent above a year ago as an increase in beef output offset lower pork supplies.

Wholesale prices of dairy products increased from July to August but the cheddar cheese price for 40 pound blocks was below a year earlier for the first time since November 1971.

The Nation's butter production during July was 16 percent greater than in July 1973 while cheese production showed a gain of 6 percent.

Milk prices received by Wisconsin farmers in August continued to decline but at a slower rate than in recent months.

Cheese stocks in cold storage in the Nation at the end of August were 41 percent above a year ago and the highest for that date since 1955.

Prices of barrows and gilts at the St. Paul market increased during August for the third consecutive month.

Hard frosts in September caused extensive damage to Wisconsin crops before they were mature or completely harvested.

The Nation's cold storage stocks of meat at the end of August were above a year earlier for the tenth consecutive month.

Fed steer prices at St. Paul increased from July to August but prices for utility cows were lower as were feeder steer prices at Kansas City.

Cold storage stocks of butter in the Nation on August 31 were above the previous year for the first time since March 1973.

## MILK PRODUCTION FINALLY ABOVE YEAR AGO

Production of milk on Wisconsin farms during August totaled 1,502 million pounds, up 3 percent from a year ago. This was the first time in nineteen months that Wisconsin's milk production exceeded a year earlier. Output of milk in the State from January through August of this year was 2 percent under that period last year. Production per cow in August averaged 840 pounds, a gain of 30 pounds from August 1973. Milk production declined seasonably 6 percent from July to August compared with a 9 percent drop in those months last year.

Pasture feed conditions as of September 1 averaged 73 percent of normal in Wisconsin. This was slightly above a year ago but the same as the average for 1963-72. Hot, dry weather in July deteriorated pastures considerably. Although August rainfall was above normal in all but the east central district, more rain is needed to improve fall grazing.

Milk Production

Selected States	August 1973	August 1974	Jan.-Aug. 1974	Change from last year	
				August	Jan.-Aug.
	Million pounds			Percent	
Wisconsin . . .	1,462	1,502	12,767	+ 3	- 2
Minnesota . . .	672	663	6,740	- 1	n. c.
Iowa . . . . .	342	308	2,558	- 10	- 11
New York . . . .	743	788	6,764	+ 6	n. c.
Pennsylvania . .	546	566	4,600	+ 4	+ 1
California . . .	914	956	7,159	+ 5	+ 3
Other states . .	4,787	4,797	38,346	n. c.	- 2
United States .	9,466	9,580	78,934	+ 1	- 2

The Nation's milk production during August totaled 9,580 million pounds, up 1 percent from a year earlier. Production per cow averaged 860 pounds, a gain of 3 percent from August 1973. The milk-feed price ratio for August was 1.10, down 13 percent from the previous year and the lowest August ratio since 1947. Milk prices were up from a year ago in all areas but not nearly enough to offset sharp increases in the value of rations fed milk cows.

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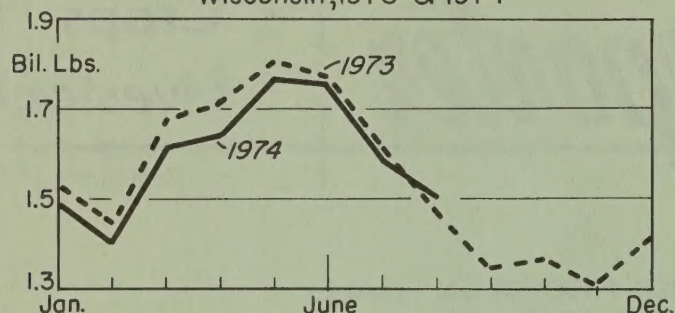
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## MILK PRODUCTION, By Months Wisconsin, 1973 & 1974



## MILK PRICES DOWN SLIGHTLY

Milk prices received by Wisconsin farmers continued to decline during August but at a slower rate than in past months. Wisconsin dairymen are expected to receive an average of \$6.74 a hundredweight for all milk of average test sold in August. This would be 2 cents under July but the same as August 1973. Since reaching a peak in March of this year, milk prices in Wisconsin have declined by nearly \$2.00 a hundredweight.

Milk Prices 1/

Selected States	June 1974		July price per cwt.			August 1974 price per cwt. 2/
	Average test	Price per cwt.	1973	1974	74/73 change	
	Percent	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Percent	Dollars
Milk for all uses						
Wisconsin . . . . .	3.66	6.94	6.17	6.76	+ 10	6.74
Minnesota . . . . .	3.53	6.60	5.86	6.47	+ 10	6.55
Iowa . . . . .	3.51	6.74	6.04	6.59	+ 9	6.65
New York . . . . .	3.52	7.40	6.92	7.70	+ 11	8.00
California . . . . .	3.42	8.00	5.92	7.95	+ 34	8.05
United States . . .	3.55	7.65	6.57	7.57	+ 15	7.62
Wisconsin utilization						
Market milk . . . .	3.66	7.28	6.29	7.05	+ 12	xxx
Manufacturing milk	3.67	6.50	6.01	6.38	+ 6	xxx
Creameries . . . .	3.63	6.54	6.01	6.46	+ 7	xxx
Cheese factories . .	3.68	6.50	6.01	6.37	+ 6	xxx
Varied prod. plants	3.65	6.51	6.04	6.42	+ 6	xxx

1/Preliminary average buying prices received for milk of average test. They differ from basic buying prices which are for 3.5% milk. 2/Based on preliminary information for milk of average test.

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Wisconsin 3.5 Test Milk Prices 1/

Utilization	July 1973	June 1974	July 1974 2/	Change from last year
	Dollars per cwt.			Percent
Milk for all uses . . . . .	6.03	6.64	6.57	+ 9
Market milk . . . . .	6.17	6.96	6.89	+ 12
Manufacturing milk . . . . .	5.86	6.20	6.17	+ 5
Creameries . . . . .	5.88	6.31	6.31	+ 7
American cheese plants . . . . .	5.85	6.16	6.12	+ 5
Varied products plants . . . . .	5.88	6.24	6.26	+ 6
Federal Order Markets				
Chicago Regional Base Zone . .	6.32	7.27	7.06	+ 12

1/Computed equivalents. 2/Preliminary.

The July average milk price of \$6.76 a hundredweight was 18 cents below June but 59 cents higher than a year earlier. Milkfat content for July averaged 3.60 percent, the same as in July 1973.

Producers for the Grade A market received an average of \$7.05 a hundredweight for July, down 23 cents from June but 76 cents more than the previous year. Manufacturing grade milk averaged \$6.38 a hundredweight in July, a decline of 12 cents from June but 37 cents above July 1973. The spread between market and manufacturing grade milk was 67 cents in July compared with 28 cents a year ago.

## BUTTER PRODUCTION TO BE WELL ABOVE AUGUST 1973

Weekly estimates of butter production for August indicate a substantial increase for Wisconsin and the Nation compared with a year ago. National output of butter during August could be nearly a third higher than last year after showing a 16 percent gain in July. However, butter production in the Nation from January through July was 5 percent below that period in 1973.

Churnings of butter in Wisconsin creameries during August will be considerably above a year earlier. July's butter output was up 24 percent but production in the first seven months of 1974 showed little change from that period last year.

According to weekly estimates, production of American cheese during August could be up 6 percent in the Nation compared with a year ago. Production during January through July was 16 percent higher than in those months of 1973. Wisconsin's output of American cheese may show little change from August last year after increasing 9 percent in the first seven months of this year.

Recent Changes in Butter and Cheese Output

Periods	Butter			American Cheese		
	United States		Wisconsin	United States		Wisconsin
	Production 1974	Change from last year	Change from last year	Production 1974	Change from last year	Change from last year
	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent	1,000 lbs.	Percent	Percent
July . . . . .	78,366	+ 16	+ 24	164,915	+ 8	+ 4
Jan.-July . .	585,045	- 5	n. c.	1,199,906	+ 16	+ 9
Weeks ending						
Aug. 8 . . .	16,170	+ 25	+ 48	34,300	+ 7	+ 2
Aug. 15 . .	16,900	+ 29	+ 45	33,700	+ 7	+ 3
Aug. 22 . .	17,200	+ 38	+ 60	32,200	+ 5	- 1
Aug. 29 . .	16,500	+ 30	+ 19	30,500	+ 5	- 3
Total . . . .	66,770	+ 31	xxx	130,700	+ 6	xxx



## AUGUST CHEESE STOCKS HIGHEST SINCE 1955

Stocks of cheese in cold storage in the Nation at the end of August totaled almost 557 million pounds, up 41 percent from a year ago and the highest for that date since 1955. American cheese stocks were 50 percent greater than on August 31, 1973. Although stocks of Swiss cheese in cold storage were down 10 percent, supplies of all other cheese were up 3 percent.

The Nation's butter stocks of 121 million pounds at the end of August were 7 percent more than a year ago. This was the first time since March 1973 that butter stocks were higher than the previous year. However, cold storage stocks of butter held by the Government amounted to only 31 million pounds or 57 percent below August 31, 1973.

**Cold Storage Stocks of Butter and Cheese**

Commodity	August 31, 1972	August 31, 1973	August 31, 1974	Change from last year
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
	1,000 pounds			Percent
Butter	198,406	113,194	121,300	+ 7
Cheese, American	341,935	320,638	481,338	+ 50
Cheese, Swiss	8,500	15,404	13,885	- 10
Cheese, all other	59,269	59,494	61,556	+ 3
Cheese, total	409,704	395,536	556,779	+ 41
<b>WISCONSIN</b>				
Butter	9,877	8,865	3,892	- 56
Cheese, American	208,096	197,584	268,167	+ 36
<b>GOVERNMENT STOCKS*</b>				
Butter	173,800	71,650	31,088	- 57
Cheese, American	208	643	898	+ 40

\*Included in above totals.

**Manufacturers' Stocks of Other Dairy Products  
United States**

Commodity	July 31, 1972	July 31, 1973	July 31, 1974	Change from last year
<b>1,000 pounds</b>				
Dried whole milk	7,144	9,602	14,260	+ 49
Dried skim milk	108,964	102,653	192,829	+ 88
Dried buttermilk	5,192	5,670	10,581	+ 87
Condensed milk and evaporated milk (case goods) 1/	145,566	133,640	156,474	+ 17

1/Combined to avoid disclosing individual plant operations.

## JULY BUTTER OUTPUT UP CONSIDERABLY

Butter production in the Nation during July was 16 percent above a year ago as the major producing states except Iowa and Minnesota were up. Wisconsin creameries made over 16 million pounds of butter during July, an increase of 24 percent from last year. Minnesota's butter production for July was down 7 percent from a year earlier and Iowa showed a decline of 18 percent. However, all other states increased their July butter output by 30 percent from a year ago.

Cheese production in the Nation during July was up 6 percent from the previous year. Output of American cheese increased 8 percent from July 1973 and production of Brick and Muenster was up 15 percent. Both Swiss and Italian

**Current Dairy Products Estimates**

Item and area	July 1973	July 1974	Jan.-July 1974	Change from last year	
				July	Jan.-July
	1,000 pounds			Percent	
BUTTER					
Wisconsin . . . . .	13,088	16,250	121,570	+ 24	n. c.
Minnesota . . . . .	18,277	17,000	146,020	- 7	- 2
Iowa . . . . .	4,855	4,000	25,860	- 18	- 41
Other states . . . . .	31,523	41,116	291,595	+ 30	- 4
United States . . . . .	67,743	78,366	585,045	+ 16	- 5
CHEESE, AMERICAN					
Wisconsin . . . . .	64,755	67,100	494,420	+ 4	+ 9
Minnesota . . . . .	21,146	21,000	167,530	- 1	+ 19
Missouri . . . . .	7,374	6,200	54,645	- 16	+ 22
Other states . . . . .	60,132	70,615	483,311	+ 17	+ 22
United States . . . . .	153,407	164,915	1,199,906	+ 8	+ 16
CHEESE, MISCELLANEOUS					
United States					
Swiss . . . . .	15,064	15,820	109,175	+ 5	+ 2
Brick and Muenster . .	5,539	6,375	41,594	+ 15	- 2
Italian . . . . .	46,063	48,306	348,991	+ 5	+ 4
All other . . . . .	16,290	15,400	116,135	- 5	n. c.
Total . . . . .	82,956	85,901	615,895	+ 4	+ 3
ALL CHEESE					
United States . . . . .	236,363	250,816	1,815,801	+ 6	+ 11
OTHER PRODUCTS					
Cottage Cheese					
United States					
Curd 1/ . . . . .	65,814	58,898	409,863	- 11	- 14
Creamed 2/ . . . . .	83,097	75,774	517,944	- 9	- 13
	1,000 gallons			Percent	
Ice Cream					
Wisconsin . . . . .	1,694	1,850	10,125	+ 9	+ 7
Illinois . . . . .	4,580	4,500	27,260	- 2	+ 1
Iowa . . . . .	889	870	5,090	- 2	+ 4
Michigan . . . . .	3,429	3,711	21,955	+ 8	+ 6
Minnesota . . . . .	3,156	2,670	16,255	- 15	- 12
Other states . . . . .	64,825	65,364	384,664	+ 1	+ 1
United States . . . . .	78,573	78,965	465,349	n. c.	+ 1

1/Includes cottage, pot, and bakers' cheese with a milkfat content of less than 4 percent. 2/Includes cheese with a milkfat content of 4 to 19 percent.

cheese had production gains of 5 percent from July last year but all other varieties were down 5 percent.

Wisconsin dairy plants made 67 million pounds of American cheese in July, an increase of 4 percent from July 1973. Output of American cheese in Minnesota was down 1 percent from July a year ago. Missouri had a drop of 16 percent in American cheese production compared with July last year but other states were up 17 percent.

Production of cottage cheese curd in the Nation during July was 11 percent below a year earlier while creamed cottage cheese output was down 9 percent. Ice cream production for the Nation in July showed little change from last year.

## FINAL 1973 MILK PRICES

Prices received by Wisconsin farmers for all milk sold in 1973 averaged \$6.71 a hundredweight, up \$1.17 from 1972. This was the largest year to year increase ever for milk prices and was the 10th consecutive year that milk prices in Wisconsin have increased. Monthly milk prices were higher than a year earlier throughout 1973. Prices increased only 10 cents in the first half of 1973 but then rose sharply in the second half. By the end of the year the all milk price averaged \$8.53 a hundredweight, up \$2.54 from a year earlier. Milkfat content averaged 3.71 percent for 1973 compared with 3.73 percent in 1972.



## Wisconsin Milk Price and Test Summary, 1973

Month	All uses		Market milk		Manufacturing milk		Cheese factories		Varied products plants		Creameries	
	Price \$ per cwt.	Test %	Price \$ per cwt.	Test %	Price \$ per cwt.	Test %	Price \$ per cwt.	Test %	Price \$ per cwt.	Test %	Price \$ per cwt.	Test %
January	5.96	3.77	6.08	3.77	5.79	3.76	5.79	3.76	5.74	3.76	5.81	3.75
February	5.97	3.73	6.10	3.73	5.78	3.72	5.79	3.72	5.72	3.71	5.81	3.69
March	6.03	3.70	6.14	3.71	5.87	3.69	5.87	3.70	5.83	3.70	5.88	3.68
April	6.06	3.70	6.17	3.71	5.91	3.69	5.91	3.69	5.91	3.70	5.93	3.69
May	6.08	3.68	6.20	3.68	5.93	3.69	5.93	3.68	5.92	3.69	5.94	3.67
June	6.09	3.64	6.22	3.63	5.93	3.65	5.93	3.65	5.94	3.66	5.94	3.63
July	6.17	3.58	6.29	3.57	6.01	3.59	6.01	3.59	6.04	3.59	6.01	3.57
August	6.74	3.59	6.86	3.58	6.58	3.61	6.57	3.61	6.59	3.61	6.63	3.59
September	7.48	3.70	7.61	3.70	7.30	3.71	7.30	3.71	7.33	3.70	7.33	3.69
October	8.00	3.81	8.13	3.81	7.81	3.81	7.82	3.81	7.77	3.81	7.76	3.81
November	8.29	3.86	8.38	3.87	8.16	3.85	8.16	3.85	8.12	3.85	8.14	3.87
December	8.53	3.83	8.65	3.84	8.35	3.82	8.35	3.82	8.35	3.82	8.32	3.81
Annual	6.71	3.71	6.85	3.72	6.52	3.71	6.52	3.71	6.54	3.71	6.53	3.70

Grade A milk prices averaged \$6.85 a hundredweight for 1973, an increase of \$1.16 from the previous year. Manufacturing grade milk prices, at \$6.52 a hundredweight for 1973, were \$1.18 higher than in 1972. Cheese factories showed less of an increase in prices paid for milk from 1972 to 1973 than did creameries or plants making a variety of dairy products.

### WHOLESALE DAIRY PRICES HIGHER

Wholesale prices of dairy products increased from July to August. The 92-score butter price at the New York market averaged 68.88 cents a pound during August, up about 6½ cents from the previous month.

Wholesale prices of cheddar cheese in 40 pound blocks averaged around 72½ cents a pound at Wisconsin primary markets in August, a gain of more than 1 cent from July but nearly 2¼ cents below last year. This was the first month since November 1971 that wholesale prices of cheddar cheese were under a year earlier.

Swiss cheese, Wisconsin State Brand, averaged 95.55 cents a pound for August, an increase of almost 3 cents from July and more than 13 cents above August 1973.

#### Wholesale Dairy Prices

Commodity	August 1973	July 1974	August 1974 1/
Butter, 92-score, New York, pound . . .	2/	62.11¢	68.88¢
Cheese, Cheddars, Wisconsin primary markets, 40 lb. blocks, pound 3/ . . .	74.69¢	71.16¢	72.49¢
Cheese, Swiss, Wisconsin State Brand, block pound 3/ . . . . .	82.20¢	92.75¢	95.55¢
Evaporated milk, North Central States, case, 48-14½ oz. cans, range . . . . .	\$9.33-10.51	\$11.30-12.47	\$ — — —
Nonfat dry milk solids, spray, Chicago area, pound . . . . .	47.96¢	56.52¢	57.05¢

1/Preliminary estimates. 2/Not available. 3/Selling prices, f.o.b. at Wisconsin assembly points.

### AUGUST FARM PRICES WELL BELOW YEAR AGO

Prices received for Wisconsin farm products as of mid-August were well below the record highs achieved for many items in August 1973. At 456 percent of the 1910-14 base, the index of prices received was 83 points (15 percent) under August 15 last year. The index declined 8 points (2 percent) from a month earlier due to lower prices for milk and some livestock.

Milk cows for herd replacements averaged \$555.00 each as of mid-August, down \$20.00 from July and \$35.00 less than a year ago. Veal calves averaged \$38.00 a hundredweight in August, a decline of 70 cents from the previous month and just slightly over half the price for August 1973.

Steers and heifers averaged \$32.80 a hundredweight as of August 15, a gain of 50 cents from July but \$17.20 below last year. Slaughter cows, at \$24.50 a hundredweight in August, were also 50 cents higher than July but \$13.50 under a year earlier.

Hog prices increased to \$35.10 a hundredweight in August, up \$3.30 from the previous month but \$19.30 lower than the peak reached in August 1973. Sheep averaged \$7.40 a hundredweight for August, down \$1.60 from July and \$3.10 below a year ago. Lambs, at \$38.50 a hundredweight in mid-August, were 70 cents less than a month earlier and \$4.50 under August 1973.

#### Prices Received by Wisconsin Farmers

Commodity	Unit	August 15, 1972	August 15, 1973	July 15, 1974	August 15, 1974
Dollars					
Milk cows . . . . .	Head	470.00	590.00	575.00	555.00
Steers and heifers . .	Cwt.	33.50	50.00	32.30	32.80
Cows . . . . .	Cwt.	26.20	38.00	24.00	24.50
Calves . . . . .	Cwt.	49.50	74.00	38.70	38.00
Hogs . . . . .	Cwt.	28.00	54.40	31.80	35.10
Sheep . . . . .	Cwt.	6.50	10.50	9.00	7.40
Lambs . . . . .	Cwt.	28.70	43.00	39.20	38.50
Chickens 1/ . . . . .	Lb.	.075	.180	.095	.105
Turkeys . . . . .	Lb.	.220	.370	.240	.270
Eggs . . . . .	Doz.	.230	.650	.344	.350
Corn . . . . .	Bu.	1.15	2.37	3.05	3.40
Wheat . . . . .	Bu.	1.49	4.00	3.89	3.91
Oats . . . . .	Bu.	.71	1.05	1.42	1.47
Soybeans . . . . .	Bu.	3.35	9.00	6.05	7.10
Alfalfa hay, baled . .	Ton	26.00	28.50	29.00	30.00

1/Excludes broilers.

Egg prices increased in August for the first time since January of this year. Eggs averaged 35 cents a dozen as of August 15, a gain of about ½ cent from July but 30 cents below last year. Turkeys increased 3 cents from July to August but at 27 cents a pound liveweight in mid-August were 10 cents lower than a year earlier.

Crop prices showed strength from July to August. Corn averaged a record high of \$3.40 a bushel in mid-August, up 35 cents from a month earlier and \$1.03 above August 1973. Soybeans, at \$7.10 a bushel in August, were \$1.05 more



than in July but \$1.90 below a year ago.

Oats increased to \$1.47 a bushel in August, up 5 cents from the previous month and 42 cents higher than last year. Wheat averaged \$3.91 a bushel as of August 15, a gain of 2 cents from July but 9 cents under August 1973.

Baled alfalfa hay averaged a record high of \$30.00 a ton for mid-August, an increase of \$1.00 from a month earlier and \$1.50 above a year ago.

## RED MEAT PRODUCTION UP

Production of red meat in Wisconsin's commercial slaughtering plants during July totaled over 103 million pounds, an increase of 12 percent from a year ago. Although output of pork was down 3 percent, beef production was 24 percent greater than in July 1973.

Cattle slaughter for July amounted to 111,000 head, up 21,000 from last year. Average liveweight of cattle butchered in July was 1,093 pounds, a gain of 6 pounds from a year ago.

The July hog kill of 244,000 was 15,000 lower than the previous year. Average liveweight of hogs in July was 245 pounds, 6 pounds heavier than in July 1973.

July's calf slaughter of 23,500 was 9,200 more than a year ago and the highest for that month since 1968. Calves averaged 148 pounds liveweight for July considerably below the 198 pound average in July 1973. The 400 sheep and lambs butchered in July were 100 more than a year earlier.

### Commercial Livestock Slaughter

Area	Number			Liveweight	
	July		Change from last year	July	
	1973	1974		1973	1974
	1,000 head		Percent	Million pounds	
Cattle					
Wisconsin . . . . .	90.0	111.0	+ 23	97.8	121.3
United States 1/ . .	2,691.7	3,105.4	+ 15	2,812.4	3,228.3
Calves					
Wisconsin . . . . .	14.3	23.5	+ 64	2.8	3.5
United States 1/ . .	153.8	214.7	+ 40	42.1	57.6
Hogs					
Wisconsin . . . . .	259.0	244.0	- 6	61.9	59.8
United States 1/ . .	5,327.9	6,098.4	+ 14	1,302.6	1,501.7
Sheep and lambs					
Wisconsin . . . . .	.3	.4	+ 33	.029	.040
United States 1/ . .	834.7	736.8	- 12	87.8	73.3

1/Excludes Alaska.

## PORK AND BEEF STOCKS WELL ABOVE LAST YEAR

The Nation's cold storage stocks of meat at the end of August were well above a year earlier. This was the tenth consecutive month that meat stocks were above the previous year.

There were over 382 million pounds of beef in cold storage on August 31, up 51 percent from that date in 1973. Beef stocks declined by 20 million pounds during August but were 129 million pounds higher than a year ago.

Pork stocks in cold storage at the end of August amounted to 257 million pounds, an increase of 44 percent from last year. Supplies of pork in storage declined by nearly 35 million pounds during August but were 78 million pounds above August 31, 1973. Pork bellies, at 21 million pounds in cold storage, were more than double a year earlier.

### Cold Storage Stocks of Meat United States

Commodity	Aug. 31, 1972	Aug. 31, 1973	July 31, 1974	Aug. 31, 1974	Change from last year
	1,000 pounds				Percent
Beef:					
Frozen . . . . .	272,024	244,674	388,748	369,279	+ 51
In cure and cured . . . .	11,613	8,905	13,778	13,275	+ 49
Total . . . . .	283,637	253,579	402,526	382,554	+ 51
Pork:					
Frozen . . . . .	186,535	165,407	277,914	243,119	+ 47
In cooler . . . . .	16,971	13,754	14,033	14,059	+ 2
Total . . . . .	203,506	179,161	291,947	257,178	+ 44
Other meats and meat products:					
Veal, frozen . . . . .	10,207	7,931	14,369	13,754	+ 73
Lamb and mutton, frozen	21,220	12,739	16,074	14,723	+ 16
Canned meats in cooler:					
Hams . . . . .	63,616	39,945	64,370	49,528	+ 24
Other meats . . . . .	16,579	12,081	12,647	12,363	+ 2
Total, all meats . . . . .	598,765	505,436	801,933	730,100	+ 44

## SEPTEMBER CROP REPORT

Several hard frosts in September affected Wisconsin's crops before they were able to mature safely. Frost damage was extensive to corn, soybeans, snap beans, and other vegetable crops. Crops were particularly susceptible to any early frosts this year because of late plantings and below normal growing degree days during the crop season. The west and northwest were hit by freezing temperatures in the first four days of September. This was an unusually early date for frost in Wisconsin. Southern and eastern areas escaped that frost but they were hit when a hard freeze covered the State on the weekend of September 21-22.

Only about half of the Wisconsin corn crop intended for grain was considered safe from frost damage as of September 20th. Last year 75 percent of the corn for grain was mature by that date and in the past ten years the average was 60 percent. Soybeans were also very immature at the time of the frost. A total of 45 percent of the soybean fields had leaves turning yellow as of September 20th compared with 65 percent last year and 55 percent for the past ten years. Farmers in the west and north were busy chopping their frozen corn for silage but southern and eastern farmers had been waiting for more maturity and to see how much corn would make grain. Silo filling was 20 percent completed for the State whereas last year and normally 30 percent was finished by September 20th.

Harvesting of potatoes, tobacco, apples, cranberries, and vegetable crops has been active during September. A sizable acreage of sweet corn and snap beans was caught by the frosts and these crops will fall short of production goals.

### Rainfall in Inches, by Districts, Wisconsin

District	Month of August			Since April 1		
	1973	1974	Normal	1973	1974	Normal
N. W. . . . .	5.6	6.8	4.3	19.3	19.7	18.8
N. C. . . . .	4.9	6.7	4.3	20.8	19.7	19.1
N. E. . . . .	3.1	4.7	3.7	20.1	17.5	16.6
W. C. . . . .	5.4	4.3	3.6	23.0	17.4	18.0
C. . . . .	3.0	4.8	3.5	21.8	19.4	17.5
E. C. . . . .	3.1	2.5	3.1	18.7	16.7	15.3
S. W. . . . .	3.1	4.8	3.9	22.0	20.2	18.9
S. C. . . . .	2.5	5.5	3.6	20.0	22.2	17.3
S. E. . . . .	1.3	3.7	3.3	17.5	19.3	16.5

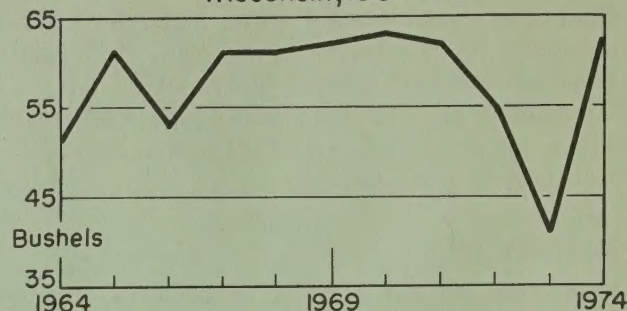


Good yields were being obtained from potatoes, apples, tobacco, and cranberries.

Wisconsin had a very good small grain crop in 1974. Wheat, barley, rye, and oats yielded well in contrast to the past two seasons. The oats crop was estimated at nearly 87 million bushels for 1974, an increase of 55 percent from 1973. Although the harvested acreage of 1,400,000 acres was up only 2 percent from last year, the yield of 62 bushels per acre was considerably above the poor 1973 yield of 41 bushels. Harvesting of small grains proceeded at a normal pace this summer and most farmers were done by September 1 except in the far north.

### OATS: Yield per Acre

Wisconsin, 1964 - 74



Crop Summary of Wisconsin for September 1, 1974

Crop	Acreage			Yield per acre			Unit	Production		
	1972	1973	1974 (prelimi- nary)	1972	1973	1974 (prelimi- nary)		1972	1973	1974 (prelimi- nary)
	Thousands							Thousands		
FIELD CROPS										
Corn for grain . . . . .	2,143	2,090	2,270	95.0	83.0	86.0	Bu.	203,585	173,470	195,220
Oats . . . . .	1,350	1,370	1,400	55.0	41.0	62.0	Bu.	74,250	56,170	86,800
Barley . . . . .	22	21	20	45.0	37.0	46.0	Bu.	990	777	920
Rye . . . . .	10	9	9	21.0	19.5	23.0	Bu.	210	176	207
Wheat (all) . . . . .	29	27	79	31.1	33.0	37.1	Bu.	901	890	2,930
Winter . . . . .	20	16	56	32.0	35.0	40.0	Bu.	640	560	2,240
Spring . . . . .	9	11	23	29.0	30.0	30.0	Bu.	261	330	690
Soybeans for beans . . . . .	145	241	225	28.0	25.0	24.0	Bu.	4,060	6,025	5,400
Potatoes (fall) . . . . .	45.5	47.0	50.0	253	245	1/	Cwt.	11,530	11,515	1/
Tobacco (all) . . . . .	10.8	10.2	10.0	1,731	1,859	1,950	Lb.	18,691	18,963	19,500
Type 54 . . . . .	5.0	4.9	5.0	1,685	1,950	2,000	Lb.	8,425	9,555	10,000
Type 55 . . . . .	5.8	5.3	5.0	1,770	1,775	1,900	Lb.	10,266	9,408	9,500
HAY AND FORAGE										
Hay (all) . . . . .	3,920	3,950	3,930	2.60	2.69	2.75	Ton	10,203	10,622	10,803
Alfalfa and mixture . . . . .	2,950	2,970	3,000	2.85	2.90	2.95	Ton	8,408	8,613	8,850
All other . . . . .	970	980	930	1.85	2.05	2.00	Ton	1,795	2,009	1,953
VEGETABLE CROPS										
Carrots 2/ . . . . .	1.7	1.4	2.0	400	370	—	Cwt.	679	518	—
Cabbage 2/ . . . . .	3.8	2.3	2.4	315	280	—	Cwt.	1,204	644	—
Lettuce 2/ . . . . .	.9	1.1	1.0	210	250	—	Cwt.	189	275	—
Mint for oil . . . . .	4.5	5.5	8.5	30	31	41	Cwt.	135	173	350
Onions, commercial . . . . .	1.5	1.4	1.5	250	280	285	Cwt.	375	392	428
For processing:										
Green lima beans . . . . .	6.4	7.4	8.2	.82	.93	1.00	Ton 3/	5.3	6.9	8.2
Peas . . . . .	122.2	123.2	145.7	1.34	.99	1.10	Ton 3/	163.8	122.0	160.3
Snap beans . . . . .	45.5	55.7	69.0	2.67	2.47	2.20	Ton	121.5	137.6	151.8
Sweet corn . . . . .	113.5	132.6	136.4	4.54	3.85	4.10	Ton	515.3	510.5	559.3
Cucumber for pickles . . . . .	9.0	10.4	11.2*	4.77	4.91	—	Ton	43.0	51.1	—
Beets for canning . . . . .	4.5	6.6	7.8	14.00	9.18	10.40	Ton	63.0	60.6	81.1
FRUITS, ETC.										
Apples, commercial . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	Lb.	65,000	50,000	65,000
Tart cherries . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	Ton	4.6	2.4	3.7
Cranberries . . . . .	—	—	—	—	—	—	Bbl.	805	756	900
Strawberries . . . . .	1.4	1.4	1.3	23	27	29	Cwt.	32	38	38

\*Planted acreage. 1/Estimates released on October 10. 2/Summer quarter acreage. 3/Shelled.

### NATION'S HOG INVENTORY DOWN

All hogs and pigs in the 14 states where quarterly estimates are made totaled 50.2 million head on September 1, a decline of 4 percent from a year earlier. Breeding stock was down 10 percent and market hogs were 3 percent below September 1, 1973. The 10 Corn Belt States had 44.4 million hogs and pigs on farms September 1, a decline of 3 percent from a year ago and the smallest number for that date since 1965.

The September 1 hog inventory in Wisconsin totaled 1,520,000 head, up 1 percent from last year. Although breeding stock was down 3 percent, market hogs were greater than a year ago.

Farrowings during the past quarter numbered 98,000 sows in Wisconsin, a drop of 3 percent from that quarter

last year. The pig crop of 720,000 for the June-August quarter was 2 percent lower than a year earlier. Litter rates averaged 7.35 pigs per litter, a slight increase from the rate of 7.25 during the June-August quarter in 1973.

Hog producers in Wisconsin plan to farrow 90,000 sows in the September through November period. This would be 5 percent fewer than farrowed in that quarter last year. Farrowings during December 1974 through February 1975 are expected to total 74,000 sows, a decline of 1 percent from that quarter a year earlier.

The pig crop in the 14 quarterly states for June through August was down 4 percent from a year ago due to fewer sows farrowing as the average litter rate showed little change. Hog producers in these states plan to reduce farrowings 10 percent from a year earlier in both the September-November and December 1974-February 1975 quarters.



**Sows Farrowing, Pigs per Litter and Pig Crop**  
**June through August, 1973 and 1974, 14 States**

State	Sows farrowing			Pigs per litter		Pig crop 1/		
	1973	1974	Change from last year	1973	1974	1973	1974	Change from last year
	1,000 head		Percent	Head		1,000 head		Percent
Georgia . . . . .	87	80	- 8	7.10	6.80	618	544	- 12
Illinois . . . . .	400	355	- 11	6.70	6.90	2,680	2,450	- 9
Indiana . . . . .	242	220	- 9	7.25	7.17	1,755	1,577	- 10
Iowa . . . . .	610	590	- 3	7.10	7.00	4,331	4,130	- 5
Kansas . . . . .	85	90	+ 6	7.40	7.30	629	657	+ 4
Kentucky . . . . .	70	63	- 10	7.40	7.10	518	447	- 14
Minnesota . . . . .	210	205	- 2	7.25	7.10	1,523	1,456	- 4
Missouri . . . . .	228	220	- 4	7.19	7.36	1,639	1,619	- 1
Nebraska . . . . .	142	150	+ 6	7.05	6.95	1,001	1,043	+ 4
North Carolina . . . . .	98	102	+ 4	7.30	7.25	715	740	+ 3
Ohio . . . . .	112	108	- 4	7.20	7.40	806	799	- 1
South Dakota . . . . .	80	95	+ 19	6.95	7.00	556	665	+ 20
Texas . . . . .	56	48	- 14	7.60	7.00	426	336	- 21
Wisconsin . . . . .	101	98	- 3	7.25	7.35	732	720	- 2
Total 14 States . . . . .	2,521	2,424	- 4	7.11	7.09	17,929	17,183	- 4

1/Number of pigs born June through August, that were on hand September 1, or had been sold.

**Sows to Farrow, September through February, 14 States**

State	September through November			December through February 1/		
	1973	1974 2/	Change from last year	1974	1975 2/	Change from last year
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Georgia . . . . .	73	68	- 7	107	91	- 15
Illinois . . . . .	395	335	- 15	330	260	- 21
Indiana . . . . .	210	195	- 7	220	180	- 18
Iowa . . . . .	608	540	- 11	505	460	- 9
Kansas . . . . .	105	100	- 5	100	85	- 15
Kentucky . . . . .	65	58	- 11	65	60	- 8
Minnesota . . . . .	206	195	- 5	180	170	- 6
Missouri . . . . .	256	220	- 14	200	200	n. c.
Nebraska . . . . .	185	155	- 16	145	135	- 7
North Carolina . . . . .	82	82	n. c.	110	100	- 9
Ohio . . . . .	115	105	- 9	93	86	- 8
South Dakota . . . . .	116	117	+ 1	82	81	- 1
Texas . . . . .	51	48	- 6	47	43	- 9
Wisconsin . . . . .	95	90	- 5	74	70	- 5
Total 14 States . . . . .	2,562	2,308	- 10	2,258	2,021	- 10

1/December preceding year. 2/Number indicated by breeding intentions reports.

**All Hogs and Pigs on Farms, Breeding and Market**  
**September 1, 1973 and 1974, 14 States**

State	For breeding			Market			Total hogs and pigs		
	1973	1974	Change from last year	1973	1974	Change from last year	1973	1974	Change from last year
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Georgia . . . . .	287	248	- 14	1,508	1,402	- 7	1,795	1,650	- 8
Illinois . . . . .	1,019	832	- 18	6,011	5,768	- 4	7,030	6,600	- 6
Indiana . . . . .	693	660	- 5	4,407	4,240	- 4	5,100	4,900	- 4
Iowa . . . . .	2,007	1,865	- 7	12,643	12,265	- 3	14,650	14,130	- 4
Kansas . . . . .	265	253	- 5	1,565	1,557	- 1	1,830	1,810	- 1
Kentucky . . . . .	216	185	- 14	1,134	965	- 15	1,350	1,150	- 15
Minnesota . . . . .	651	550	- 16	3,417	3,350	- 2	4,068	3,900	- 4
Missouri . . . . .	620	575	- 7	3,580	3,625	+ 1	4,200	4,200	n. c.
Nebraska . . . . .	448	381	- 15	2,642	2,794	+ 6	3,090	3,175	+ 3
North Carolina . . . . .	324	315	- 3	1,726	1,715	- 1	2,050	2,030	- 1
Ohio . . . . .	320	298	- 7	2,000	1,832	- 8	2,320	2,130	- 8
South Dakota . . . . .	289	287	- 1	1,776	1,763	- 1	2,065	2,050	- 1
Texas . . . . .	165	140	- 15	935	790	- 16	1,100	930	- 15
Wisconsin . . . . .	243	236	- 3	1,267	1,284	+ 1	1,510	1,520	+ 1
Total 14 States . . . . .	7,547	6,825	- 10	44,611	43,350	- 3	52,158	50,175	- 4

**FED STEER  
PRICES UP**

Although prices weakened during the last three weeks of August, the average for good grade fed steers at the St. Paul market increased from July to August. Good grade fed steers weighing between 900-1100 pounds averaged \$41.43 a hundredweight for August, up 56 cents from a month earlier

but \$8.42 below last year when beef prices peaked. Utility cows at St. Paul averaged \$25.75 a hundredweight during August, a decline of \$1.09 from the previous month. The August average price for utility cows was well below the record high of \$39.14 a hundredweight in August 1973.

Good grade feeder steers weighing between 600-700 pounds averaged \$31.19 a hundredweight at Kansas City

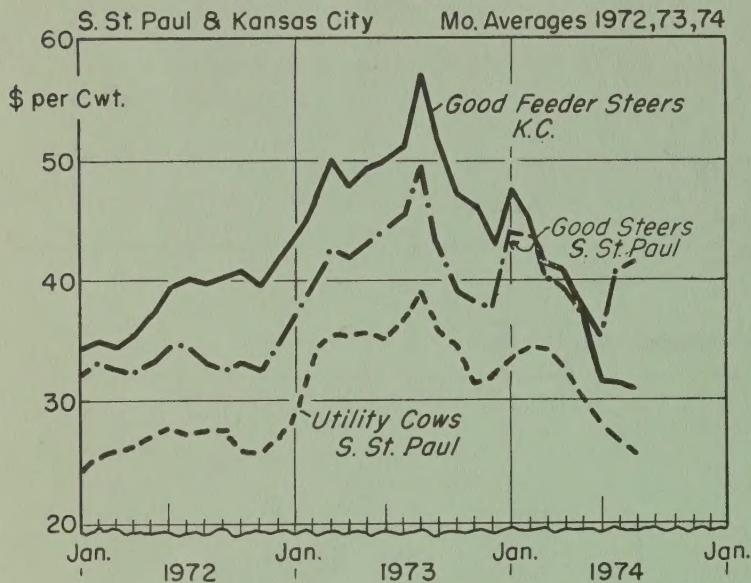


during August. This was 19 cents under July and slightly over half of the August 1973 price of \$57.56 a hundredweight.

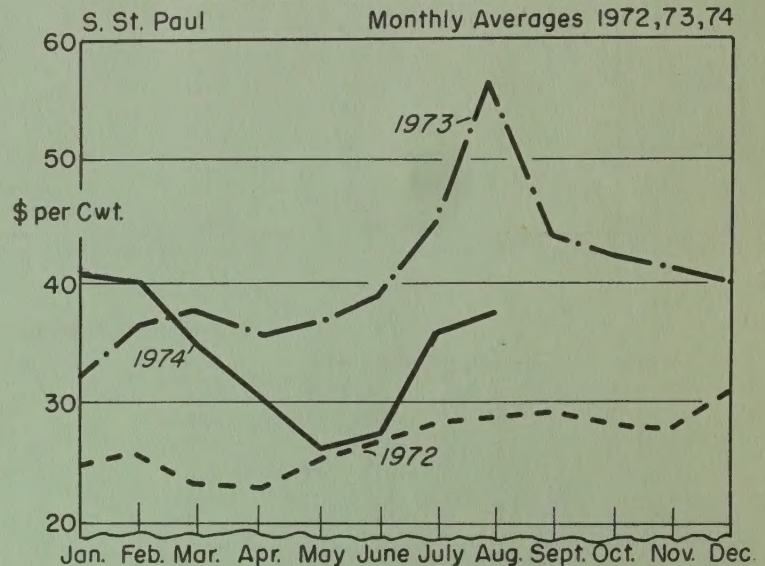
### BARROWS AND GILTS SHOW PRICE GAIN

Barrows and gilts at the St. Paul market averaged \$37.74

### BEEF CATTLE PRICES



### BARROW and GILT PRICES



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